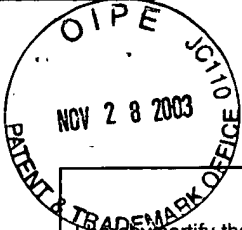


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Please charge Deposit Account No. 03-1935 in the amount of \$420.00 for payment of the extension fee. Two additional copies of this paper are here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 03-1935.

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